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SUBJ: APPOINTMENT ABDELAZIZ BENJELLOUN AS HEAD OF ODI

1. LOCAL PRESS MAY 8 ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT ABDELAZIZ BENJELLOUN AS NEW DIRECTOR OF GOM'S OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (ODI, FORMERLY BEPI). BENJELLOUN IS FORMER MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND HAS DIRECTED BUREAU DE RECHERCHES ET DE PARTICIPATIONS MINIERES (BRPM) DURING PAST TWO YEARS. HE IS YOUNG, HIGHLY CAPABLE, AND APPARENTLY APOLITICAL TECHNOCRAT.

2. BENJELLOUN'S APPOINTMENT TO THIS HITHERTO SECOND-LEVEL POSITION PROBABLY MEANS CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN ODI'S REASOURCES, ACTIVITY AND ROLE IN INVESTMENT PROMOTION AND ECONOMIC DECISION-MAKING. RELIABLE GOM SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT ODI WILL IN FACT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF A NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS (E.G. NADOR STEEL MILL), MANY NOT IN CURRENT PLAN. OBJECT SAID TO BE MORE VISIBLE GOM INVESTMENT ACTIVITY THAN HAS BEEN EVIDENT THUS FAR, IN THIS FIRST EFFECTIVE YEAR OF PLAN.
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